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SUBJECT: KHMER SUPPORT OFFICE IN BANGKOK

FOR AMBASSADOR KINTNER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL

1. IT IS NOW THREE MONTHS SINCE THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE KHMER SUPPORT OFFICE IN BANGKOK WAS PROPOSED AND APPROVED. WE AND EMBASSY PHNOM PENH HAVE MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR EMBASSY IN OBTAINING RTG APPROVAL FOR THIS INSTALLATION. NEVERTHELESS, FINAL THAI PERMISSION HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND PHNOM PENH URGENTLY REQUIRES THE ASSISTANCE OF PERSONNEL DESTINED TO BE STATIONED IN BANGKOK. THE LATTER, BY THE WAY, ARE VIRTUALLY ALL ASSIGNED AND ARE ONLY AWAITING RTG APPROVAL FOR THE OFFICE IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO THEIR POST.

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING A PERSONAL HAND IN THIS AT HIGH LEVEL, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE THAI PERMISSION FOR THIS OFFICE WILL MAKE AS A CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY TO THE USG EFFORTS

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IN CAMBODIA BUT ESPECIALLY TO RTG CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR

THE GKR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED WILL ALSO
EASE OUR AND THE GKR'S SUPPLY EFFORTS FROM AND THROUGH
THAILAND WHICH HAVE SO OFTEN CAUSED US BOTH TO HAVE TO
RESORT TO LAST MINUTE URGENT APPROACHES TO THE RTG, INSTEAD
OF BEING ABLE TO CARRY ON IN A MORE NORMAL AND ROUTINE

MANNER. YOU MAY ASSURE THE RTG, AS WE HAVE DONE BEFORE,
THAT THE KHMER SUPPORT OFFICE WILL BE KEPT AS SMALL AS
POSSIBLE. RUSH

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